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Masao Fukuda and Michihiro Kubo

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment "B" After Final Action in the captioned application, for which no additional claim(s) fee is due.

A one-month extension of time is requested in order to respond to the Office Action and a Petition For Extension Of Time is being filed simultaneously herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 23, 2000

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AMENDMENT "B" AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 3, 2000 in the above-referenced application, regarding which it is hereby requested with the payment of a fee that the period for response be extended by one month to September 3, 2000, applicant submits the following amendment: